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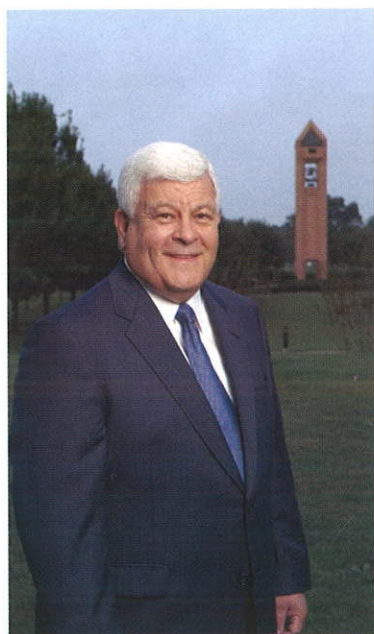
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# A Message From The President



**DR. ALVIN O. AUSTIN**  
*President*

I have said this so often that people may be tired of hearing it, but, **“There cannot be a better teacher than a Christian teacher!”** Don’t get me wrong, there can be good teachers who aren’t Christians, and most of us have had some who fit that description. And there can be poor Christian teachers, and we may have experienced those as well. But if you take those people with the right personalities for teaching, those who are well prepared in their subject fields and in pedagogy, and those who have a commitment to their students—they can only be better teachers if they are also Christians!

People of Christian faith have an added dimension that has a positive impact on their teaching. No matter how skilled some may be as communicators, how knowledgeable some are in their subject matter or how passionate some may be about their students, those teachers of Christian faith who look upon each student as a unique creation of God—not just an amalgamation of cells, genes and DNA—take the profession of teaching to a higher level.

Whether in public, private or home schools, a Christian teacher approaches students from a more holistic perspective than a teacher who is lacking in faith. Teaching is a mission field. Christian teachers must deal with dysfunctional families and must mirror Christ’s love in the face of adversity. To believe that the student possesses not just mind and body, but also a soul, provides a foundation for teaching that raises a Christian teacher’s potential abilities above all others.

At LeTourneau University, we prepare quality, competent, caring Christian teachers to fill the classrooms of America. We equip future teachers to be encouragers, role models and shining lights in the lives of children. And we are committed to doing it in as many ways as possible.

- Our traditional teacher preparation program has nearly doubled since 1999. It has produced two Texas Student Teachers of the Year, and students last year achieved a 100 percent passing rate for the state certification exams. Based on our students’ test scores and our pass and completion rates, the federal Title II report card put us in the top tier of educator preparation institutions in the state of Texas. For last year, we ranked 36 out of 109 institutions for producing the most new teachers in the state of Texas.
- Our PACT program helps people with bachelor’s degrees gain teacher certification through on-line and on-ground coursework while keeping their current employment. The PACT program has grown 1,800 percent since it began in 2001 with 37 students. Today, enrollment in the program is over 700 and we have successfully certified over 1,200 students in the past three years in Longview, Dallas, Austin and Houston.

And we aren’t done yet. In January, we launch our new TEACH program to help equip men and women to make a profound impact in the lives of children. Mirroring our already successful PACT program for adults with college degrees already in hand, our TEACH program enables those who have the desire and calling to teach to be able to complete their degree and earn teacher certification. The TEACH program continues the LeTourneau tradition of making getting an education manageable for people who have to continue to work to provide for their families.

And plans are underway for a new MBA in Educational Leadership. You will have to read more about it later. So you can see we are committed to filling the classrooms of America with quality Christian teachers who will impact the lives of students, who will then go forth to help change the world. ■



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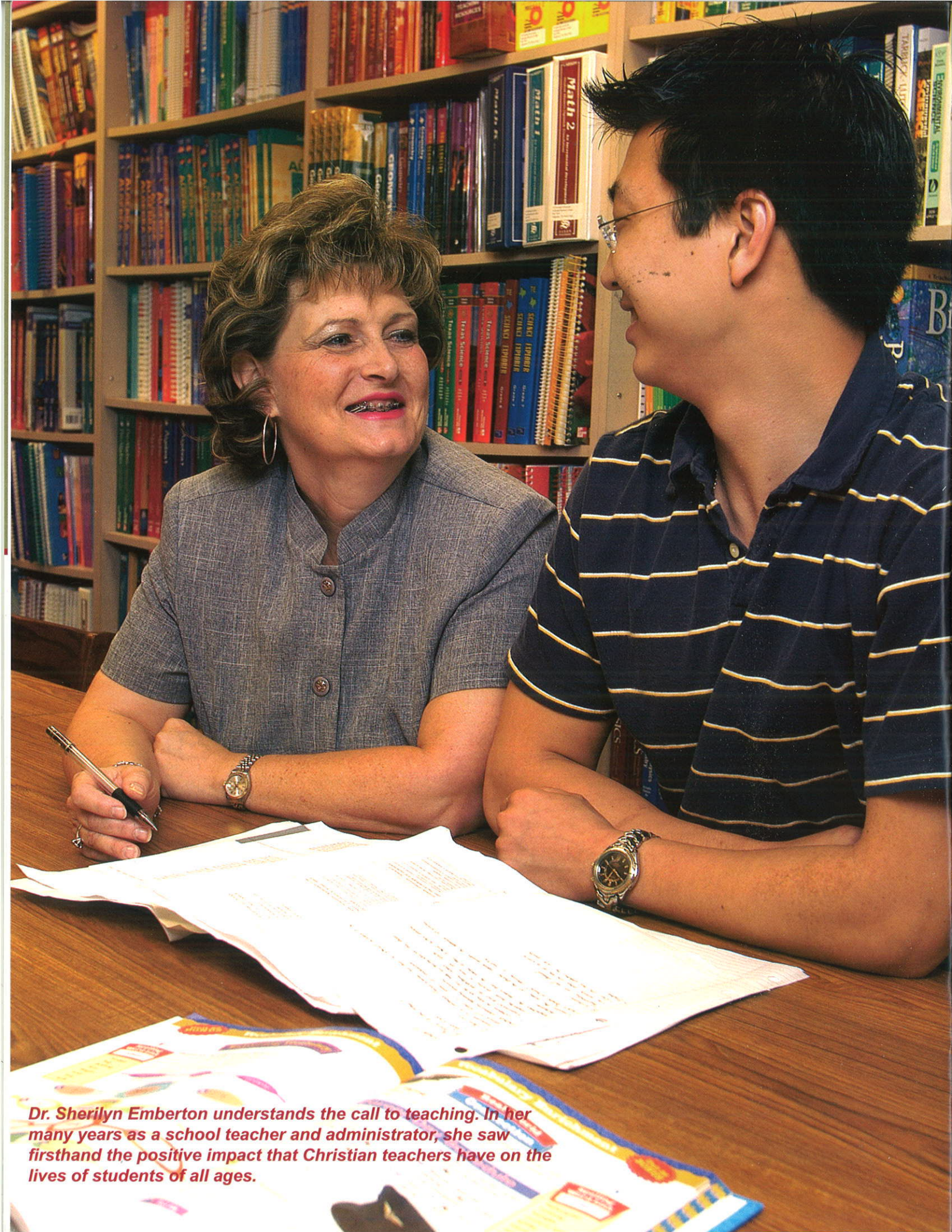
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***"BEHOLD, NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME; BEHOLD  
NOW IS THE DAY OF OUR SALVATION." II Cor. 6:2***

**LeTourneau University** is an accredited, interdenominational Christian university located in Longview, Texas, offering academic majors in the aeronautical sciences, education, engineering, the humanities and sciences. LeTourneau University also offers business degrees and teacher certification programs at five educational centers around Texas in Austin, Bedford, Dallas, Houston and Tyler.

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***Dr. Sherilyn Emberton understands the call to teaching. In her many years as a school teacher and administrator, she saw firsthand the positive impact that Christian teachers have on the lives of students of all ages.***



# New LeTourneau Program Opens Doors For People Who Want To

# TEACH



**E**ducation has always been a significant part of Dr. Sherilyn Emberton's life. As one who comes from a family of educators, the dean of LeTourneau University's School of Education has deep convictions about how education can change lives.

"There is no greater calling than to be a Christian teacher," she says.

It is her deep conviction that has led her and the School of Education to launch a new education program called TEACH (Training Educators to Accept the Challenge) to prepare teachers and teacher's aides to qualify to work in Texas public schools.

Recent changes in federal legislation known as the No Child Left Behind Act requires for the first time that paraprofessionals, like teacher's aides, who work in public schools from preschool through twelfth grade have a minimum of two years of college education resulting in an associate's degree or a successful score on a college-level proficiency exam.

The new TEACH program provides an associate's degree for teacher's aides or a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies, along with teacher certification, for people who want to keep their daytime jobs while they pursue

their education at night and online.

TEACH is offered initially for adults who want to teach early childhood through fourth grade. Depending on the number of college credits students already have before they begin the TEACH program, they will enter at one of three points: Entry Point 1 for 0-29 credit hours, Entry Point 2 for 30-59 hours and Entry Point 3 for 60 hours or more. All students will proceed through the program in a cohort of 16-22 students.

Already the author of a highly successful PACT (Postbaccalaureate Accelerated Certification for Teachers) program, Emberton says the School of Education's TEACH program offers new opportunities to an unreached population.

"Even with the tremendous success of both of our traditional and postbaccalaureate programs, there still remains a population of potential teachers who cannot meet the demands of a traditional daytime-only program and who have not completed an undergraduate degree," Emberton said.

"Adults who lack an accredited undergraduate college degree but seek to enter the teaching profession have a new hope because of TEACH," Emberton said. "This new program is for those who may have started

*Written by Janet Ragland  
Photo by Hillsman S. Jackson*



college, but life got in their way. They didn't finish. But they still want to be classroom teachers. Some of the students might never have had the opportunity to attend college at all. Either way, this program is unique because it is 'doable.' It lets students keep their daytime jobs while they earn their degrees and prepare for their future as teachers."

Also, Emberton already is partnering with community colleges to allow their graduates a smoother transition into the TEACH program.

"Before we launched the PACT program, I had a right-hand drawer full of resumés from people with college degrees who wanted to become certified teachers, but they couldn't give up their day jobs to get certification," Emberton said.

"That's why we developed the year-long PACT program, which is mostly online courses with one Saturday workshop a month. Working adults could do this program and fulfill their dreams of teaching."

And fulfill dreams, it did.

The PACT program began in fall 2001 with 37 students. Since then, 1,200 students have completed the program, and PACT enrollment today is over 700.

Emberton's efforts have not gone unnoticed. The PACT program recently won the prestigious Distinguished Program Award from the Association of Continuing Higher Education (ACHE) Region VII, which is an organization of universities, colleges and individuals in 11

southern states dedicated to improving society through continuing education. Emberton also recently was recognized by her professional peers in the Texas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (TACTE) for her leadership in improving teacher education and the teaching profession.

"We are proud of the consistently high scores our students receive and our last year's 100 percent passing rate on state teacher certification exams," Emberton said. "We are thrilled to place teachers in classrooms where they are truly making a difference in the lives of young people."

Despite the success of

## TEACHER EDUCATION AT LETOURNEAU: A HISTORY

1992

LeTourneau University received approval to offer an elementary education program, followed by approval to offer secondary teacher training in 1998.

The mission of the teacher education program at LeTourneau University centers on preparing caring, quality Christian teachers for the public and private classrooms of the future. With the demand for teachers continuing to impact the nation's classrooms, LeTourneau University rises to meet this challenge with creative and innovative programs to prepare teachers.

1999

From 1999-2001, LeTourneau's teacher education program expanded to offer certificates at three levels—early childhood through fourth grade, fourth through eighth grade and eighth through twelfth grade. During that time, two students won in 1998 and 2001, respectively, Texas Student Teacher of the Year awards given by the Texas Directors of Field Experience.



PACT, Emberton realized it did nothing to help those without college degrees who aspired to become teachers.

"My left-hand drawer was full of resumés from people who wanted to be teachers but didn't yet have that college degree," Emberton said. "Some only lacked a few hours. Some had no college experience at all. After we saw the success that PACT and GAPS (the School of Graduate and Professional Studies) programs have had, we came up with TEACH to meet that need."

Tana Scholl was one of the first to apply to the TEACH program. The East Texas mother of two currently works with her husband, who is a State Farm insurance agent in Marshall, Texas.

"I have always known that teaching was what I wanted to do, but I just didn't have the degree," Scholl said. "It's frustrating when you know it's something you want, but you can't do it."

Scholl worked at a local high school as a secretary until an opportunity to be a teacher's aide in an alternative education school opened up.

"I worked with a certified teacher for two years and loved it," Scholl said. "About three years ago, I decided to go back to school one last time and get my degree, but after I started, my dad developed prostate cancer. I quit school to accompany him to California for his treatments.

"Many times I have started college and quit," Scholl said. "I

attended college out of high school, then got married. My husband and I were both going to school when I got pregnant with our first child. I quit and stayed home with our son until he was two. Then I went back to school. My husband was finishing up, but it was financially hard with both of us in college. Then came another baby. I just said forget it."

Her children are now 17 and 13 and she is excited to be preparing to go back to school.

"Through TEACH, I can still take care of my family's needs and fulfill something I've always yearned for," Scholl said.

Applications are currently being accepted. TEACH classes begin in January. ■

2001

In the fall of 2001, the School of Education, in partnership with the School of Graduate and Professional Studies (GAPS), initiated a new program designed to reach an untapped market of potential preschool through twelfth grade teachers. The Postbaccalaureate Accelerated Certification for Teachers (PACT) program began with an initial cohort of 37 students. This fall, program enrollment numbers exceeded 700 students with courses being offered at educational centers in Austin, Dallas, Houston and the Longview campus. Over 1,200 students statewide have successfully completed the PACT program.

2004

In the fall of 2004, the School of Education, in partnership with GAPS, is initiating the Training Educators to Accept the Challenge (TEACH) program to offer an opportunity for working adults to continue their day jobs, balance their family responsibilities and move at a faster pace to receive their early childhood through fourth grade teacher certification. Applications are currently being accepted.

The new TEACH program debuts in January 2005.



# News and Notes

## AROUND CAMPUS

### FALL ENROLLMENT HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

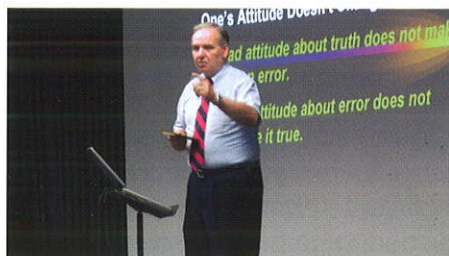
For the seventh consecutive year, LeTourneau University is experiencing an all-time record enrollment, with a total of 3,758 students, compared to last fall's total enrollment of 3,597, which is an increase of nearly 4.5 percent. New enrollment on the Longview campus alone is up almost 7 percent. In addition, the freshman class includes seven National Merit Scholarship finalists.

### LETU CLIMBS IN U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

LeTourneau University has moved up in the U.S. *News & World Report's* rankings of "America's Best Colleges" this year and also was named a "Best Value." LETU is ranked 23rd among Master's



Comprehensive Universities in the Western region in the 2005 U.S. *News* rankings, up from 28th last year.



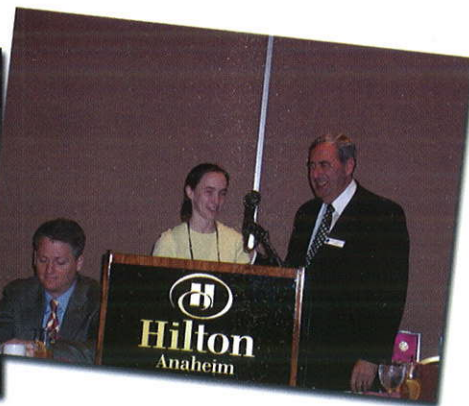
### NOTED AUTHOR SPEAKS

Noted author and leading Christian apologist Dr. Norman Geisler delivered the Staley Lecture Series in early October during packed chapel services and evening public appearances. Geisler is the president of Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, N.C. An expert in biblical studies, philosophy and apologetics, Geisler received his bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy and theology, respectively, from Wheaton College and earned his doctorate in philosophy from Loyola University in 1970.

He has taught religion and philosophy courses at Dallas Theological Seminary and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School before assuming the presidency in 1998 of Southern Evangelical Seminary, which he co-founded in 1992. His numerous accomplishments include writing over 50 books and 100 articles. He is the editor of *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*. He has been a sought-after speaker worldwide for more than four decades.

### NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART KINESIOLOGY LAB OPENS

LeTourneau University's Department of Kinesiology has a new laboratory for students to use in their study of anatomy and the mechanics of human body movement. The new laboratory is equipped with an exercise testing treadmill, a bicycle ergometer and several specific exercise testing devices for students to learn how to evaluate physical fitness. The lab also is equipped with four Internet-accessible computers with exercise testing and other subject-related software, as well as group discussion areas.



### LETOURNEAU ENGINEERING STUDENTS WIN COMPETITIONS

Sarah Plymale, a 2004 electrical engineering graduate of LeTourneau University, took first place in the Old Guard Oral Competition at the 2004 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) International Congress in Anaheim, Calif. Plymale is now a Ph.D. student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., where she is majoring in electrical engineering with a focus on control theory of biological systems.

Also receiving awards at international engineering competitions were the LETU student design team of Mike Connor, Matt Hammer and Jacob Kobliska, who earned third place for their design of a robotic landmine retrieving device they called "Furious George." This event marked the sixth consecutive year that LeTourneau students qualified to compete on the international level. Other teams included Carnegie Mellon, Villanova and Oregon State, among others.

Left Image: (Left to right, in blue shirts) Mike Connor, Matt Hammer and Jake Kobliska

Center Image: (Top) Dr. Roger Gonzalez; (bottom, left to right) Mike Connor, Matt Hammer, Jake Kobliska and Matt Jones

Right Image: Sarah Plymale receives award from Harry Armen, current ASME president at the Anaheim Hilton





## LETU HOSTS EDUCATION FORUM

LeTourneau University's Department of Teacher Education and the Partnership for Teaching Excellence hosted an education forum for teachers of P-12 students Oct. 12. The event featured U.S. Congress candidate Louis Gohmert and State Board of Education incumbent representative Barbara Cargill. The Partnership for Teaching Excellence is an organization composed of East Texas P-12 public and private schools, business and community leaders, as well as representatives for area colleges and universities.



## LETU HOSTS FIRST EVER GOLF CLASSIC

LeTourneau University's first golf classic attracted more than 70 golfers Oct. 18, at the Pinecrest Country Club in Longview. PGA professional golfer Dick Mast gave a golf clinic before the shotgun start.

## REEDER TO SPEAK AT FALL COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, senior pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Ala., is the guest speaker at LeTourneau University's December commencement exercises in Longview, Saturday, Dec. 18.

## ONLINE MBA DEBUT A SUCCESS

The launch of LETU's online MBA is a success, with more than 50 students enrolled



## LETOURNEAU'S "MOUNTAIN MOVER" DESIGNATED HISTORICAL LANDMARK

R.G. LeTourneau's 1922 "Mountain Mover," which is currently located in a memorial garden at the front of the LETU campus, was designated a historic mechanical engineering landmark by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Nov. 29. The machinery was used to level land in California for wheat fields.

this fall. Close to 20 of those enrolled are former graduates of LeTourneau's adult programs. Due to the online format of the program, students from as far away as Minnesota and Pennsylvania have enrolled. More students will start the program in January.

## NIFA TEAM TAKES THIRD AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

LeTourneau University's aeronautical science team won third place overall in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's 2004 Region IV SAFECON competition in Galveston, Texas, and qualified to attend the national NIFA competition in Salina, Kan., April 26-30. The LETU "Sting" Precision Flight Team won first place in the ground event championship and third place in the flying event championships as a team and several students took first place in individual events. The LETU Sting Precision Flight team is composed of 12 students and two coaches.

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

■ Before classes began for the fall

semester, LETU bookstore manager **Brenda Day** awarded English professor **Dr. Martin Batts** with a digital camera that he won in a raffle for checking that the textbooks were accurate.

■ Engineering professor **Dr. Paul Leiffer** attended the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) annual conference and presented a paper he co-authored with LETU professor **Dr. Roger Gonzalez**, titled "Development of a BSE Concentration in Biomedical Engineering."

■ **Dr. Mike Dobbs** is a business professor at LETU's Dallas Education Center, co-wrote an article for the *International Journal of Sport Management*, titled "Hiring Patterns in Intercollegiate Athletics: An Introductory Investigation into the Relationship Between Athletic Directors and Head Coaches."

■ In July, engineering professor **Dr. Roger Gonzalez** served as reviewer for the National Science Foundation (NSF) on the grant review panel for Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI), and gave a lecture to the Department of Engineering at the University of Delaware on "Active



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Learning: Using Students in the Lecture Process."

■ **Dr. Rich Schmidt**, business administration professor at the Houston Education Center, completed the requirements to become a certified fraud specialist and was invited to serve on the advisory council of the Uniformed Services Health Plan in Houston. Schmidt's article, "Can Sustainability Reporting Be Used As a Predictor of Industrial Disasters?" was published in the *International Journal of Emergency Management*.

■ **Dr. Robert H. Roller**, dean of the LeTourneau University School of Business, recently was awarded the prestigious Richard C. Chewning Award for integration of biblical principles in business. The award was presented to Roller in San Antonio at the fall conference of the Christian Business Faculty Association, which is a national organization of more than 400 business deans and faculty from across the country.

■ **Kathy Stephens**, LETU reading instructor, was asked to serve as a state officer for the Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading.

■ **Dr. Sherilyn Emberton**, dean of the LeTourneau University School of Education, received the Council of Deans of Education Leadership Award from the Texas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (TACTE).

## STUDENTS

■ LeTourneau University President Dr. Alvin O. Austin welcomed seven **National Merit Scholarship finalists** to this year's freshman class at a recent reception in their honor. They are, Joshua David Bruning, Josh deGraffenreid, John Michael Eubank, Eric Christopher Bradley, Kelly Funk, Adrienne Nicole Cedergreen and Jennifer Marie Bolton.

## MEMORIAL



LeTourneau University Trustee John Law Robinson Jr., 51, died from an apparent heart attack Oct. 28 during a business trip to Chicago. Robinson had served on the LETU board since November 2001. He was the chairman and chief executive officer of Financial Management in Birmingham, Ala., which he had built into a premier distribution company in the financial services and insurance industry.

"John was a devoted man of God whose integrity, compassion and leadership made significant contributions to the university through his expertise in insurance and compensation issues and business management," said LeTourneau University President Dr. Alvin O. Austin. "He will truly be missed."

## SPORTS UPDATE

A year of change was evidenced in the majority of LeTourneau's fall athletic teams. The volleyball and men's and women's soccer teams all had new head coaches this season and each team showed improvement that bodes well for the future. For more information on LETU athletics go to [www.letu.edu/athletics](http://www.letu.edu/athletics).



### SOCCER

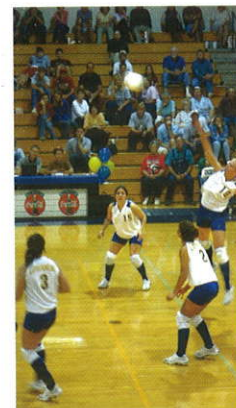
The men's soccer team finished the season 8-10-2 under the direction of their coach, Tom Wait. The team will return its seven top scorers for next year. Sophomore transfer Ryan Potter led the team with 28 points and was named first team NCCAA Central Region and third team all-American Southwest Conference.

The women's team showed marked improvement throughout the season under first-year head coach, Troy Edwards.

Sophomore Erica Crim became the first LadyJacket soccer player in school history to earn first team all-ASC honors.

### VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team, under the direction of Anita Fennell, won two ASC matches, its first conference victories since the 2000 season. Sophomore Jen McCool had a record-setting season while senior Cari Hall concluded her record-setting career.



### CROSS COUNTRY

The cross-country team fielded its first full women's team in years. Sophomore Heidi Sanders made her second consecutive appearance in the NCAA South Regional Meet and senior Nate Singer became the first male runner to compete at the regional event.





# From the Alumni Office

*Written by Allison Gardner*

## Homecoming 2004 Wrap-up

Homecoming 2004 was a wet one, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those who traveled thousands of miles to be with us during our annual alumni weekend. The class of 1954 enjoyed reunion activities throughout the weekend including a brunch at the president's home. Also joining us was a great group of young alumni from the class of 1994.



*Above: A group of LeTourneau alumni tour Thomas Hall, the newest completed residence hall dedicated in November 2002, after the homegoing brunch.*

*Right: LeTourneau Alumni Secretary Kendall Harper, center, catches up with Ginger ('90 BUBS) and Tim ('89 ME) Graber.*



*Above: The alumni soccer team sloshed through the mud to beat the current JV team, winning 4-1. Those back on campus for the game included Jeremy Bartell ('99 ME), Rob Bellows ('98 BUBS), Walter Burklin ('82 MT) and Kareem Frederick ('01 BUBS).*

## Homecoming 2005

Plans are already underway for Homecoming Weekend 2005, including a decade reunion for the classes of 1957-1967. We are still trying to firm up the date, but it will be toward the end of October 2005. Make plans to join us and get on the phone with your old college buddies and tell them to join you!



# From the Alumni Office Continued

## Dean Waskowiak Named Alumnus Of The Year



Alumnus Dean Waskowiak, president and founder of Encore Multimedia, was honored as the Alumnus of the Year for his witness for Jesus Christ and LeTourneau University to the Longview community.

Dean is a two-time graduate of LeTourneau University with an associate's degree in design technology in 1983 and a bachelor's in history/government in 1985. Encore Multimedia is an award-winning, full-service advertising agency that provides media research, planning, budget management and video productions to regional and national clients.

Dean's great love for and loyalty to our alma mater made him a natural selection as this year's recipient, and we are so proud of his professional and personal accomplishments. His commitment to the Lord, his family and his work speaks volumes about his outstanding character and integrity. He and his wife, Brenda, have two children and attend Fellowship Bible Church in Longview where he teaches senior high Sunday school.

## On The Road

### Willow Valley

More than 100 alumni and friends attended our annual banquet in Lancaster, Penn., Oct. 23. U.S. Congressman Joseph R. Pitts was our special guest for the evening as we recognized Owen Watkins ('97 MT) for his efforts in the development of revolutionary new technology that will impact the commercial aviation industry.

### New Jersey

We enjoyed great fellowship and dinner with a group of New Jersey alumni Oct. 22 at Fellowship Alliance Chapel in Medford, N.J. LeTourneau University President Dr. Alvin O. Austin was with us to share about the university's progress and also provide an update on the S.E. Belcher, Jr. Chapel and Performance Center.





# Keeping The Faith In The Alaskan Wildernes

More than 30 alumni from throughout the decades journeyed to Port Alsworth, Alaska, for our first-ever LeTourneau Alaskan Adventure. By day we explored the beautiful landscape, and by night we were inspired and challenged by different alumni speakers including Joel Natwick ('84 ATBS); James Walsh ('85 ATBS); Adam White ('92 ATBS); and Franklin Graham who attended in 1972. Thanks again to everyone who made the trip out! We loved every minute with you.

Jason ('96 ATFL) and Allison ('99 BUMK) Gardner, Bud Neiman ('66 ATBS), James ('85 ATBS) and Sharon ('87 RE PEBS) Walsh, and Pat ('89 IM) and Melanie ('89 BUBS) Bertsche in front of Tanalian Falls



Loren Leman, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Alaska, Dr. Alvin O. Austin and Franklin Graham relax on the deck at the lodge.



The whole gang gets together for a group picture out on the sun deck.



# LETU Grad Fuels Spirit Of Ingenuity

*Written by Amy Halbert*

**L**eTourneau graduate Owen Watkins pushed the limits of ingenuity when he designed the power recovery portion of the Regenerator, a self-sustaining, zero EPA emission electric hydrant cart that refuels airplanes and never needs to be plugged in. Watkins, a 1997 engineering technology graduate, is the director of engineering for General Transervice Inc. His "spirit of ingenuity" caught the eye of friend and fellow alumnus Curtis Fitchett ('97 ETAT), who thought Watkins deserved major kudos for his design. During LETU's annual Willow Valley alumni and friends event, Watkins was stunned during dinner when Alumni Director Allison Gardner called his name to come to the podium. Rep. Joseph R. Pitts of Pennsylvania presented Watkins with a certificate of congratulations. Watkins' wife, Reta, and his parents, Robert and Linda, were also on hand for this special event.

What exactly caused all this

excitement? It's the Regenerator, which is set to revolutionize aviation refueling by making more energy than it consumes during the refueling process. The energy is captured by a recovery turbine and then stored for the vehicle's maneuvering.

Energy production is based upon recently developed extensive proprietary technology. The Regenerator uses the flow of pressurized fuel to create energy. Incorporating microprocessors and a power recovery turbine, the unit operates uninterrupted underneath 737s on adjacent gates, or between international terminals miles apart.

The Regenerator is able to create electricity without sacrificing in-flow performance. Refueling flow rates are identical to conventional equipment, but the Regenerator requires none of the costly maintenance of traditional fuel tankers.

Watkins has been traveling across the country to test the new fueling station, with much success. Trial runs have been

held in Los Angeles and Miami, with other airports scheduled for the future.

But all of this may have never happened had Watkins not come to LeTourneau. Burned out on the theory-heavy curriculum at Penn State, Watkins wanted a more hands-on learning approach. That frustration eventually led him to LeTourneau University.

"I came to LeTourneau for a campus visit and met with an engineering professor who told me if it was God's will to continue (studying engineering) it would happen," Watkins said. "I prayed about it, and decided to enter the engineering technology program. There I found what I needed."

On the Regenerator project, Watkins has put his LeTourneau education to the test. "I minored in electrical engineering. Little did I know I'd be leaning on that electrical knowledge for this project."

Watkins has already applied for a worldwide patent for the Regenerator and hopes to begin taking orders soon. ■



# Class Notes

## MEMORIALS

**Marion C. Goolsbee ('50 MES)** died July 13 in Rusk, Texas. Marion is survived by his wife, Helen.

**Henry Rackley ('57 IS)** died Jan. 25 in Colorado.



**James Musket ('59)** died Aug. 21 in Albuquerque, N.M. He is survived by his wife, Laura, their six children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**David Schieb ('74 PEBS)** died May 2 in Friendswood, Texas, after battling cancer. He is survived by his wife, Debra.

**Richard Marshall Dinkins ('80 ME)** died May 16 in Greenville, S.C. He is survived by his wife, Tami, two daughters and one granddaughter.

**Jonathan E. Wills ('81)** died Aug. 1. Jonathan is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and their three children.

**Pat Titsworth ('91 BSBM)** died Sept. 21 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Becky, of Sagninaw, Texas.



**Neil Roesler ('97 'ATFL)** died in a helicopter crash Sept. 20 in Indonesia. Neil had worked with TEAM mission since 2000 and was seconded to Helimission. He

is survived by his wife, Sandy, and their two children.

**Richard Seachrist ('98 BUAU)** died Oct. 18 from cancer. Rich is survived by his wife, Pichett Seachrist, who is pregnant with their first child, Annabel. Rich worked at Cardone Industries in Philadelphia.



## BIRTHS

**Kory ('80 ATBS)** and **Rejane Pehl** had a baby girl, Lilyann Ruth Oliveira Pehl, July 25.



**Randy ('82 WE)** and **Cathy Berger** welcomed son **Luke Randall Berger** July 27. He is the Bergers' fifth child.

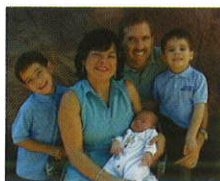
**Ken ('88 ET)** and **Jamie Parfitt** now have eight children. **Karen Joy Parfitt** was born May 17. The Parfitt family lives in New York where Ken works as an engineer for Harris Corporation.



**Lori ('92 ME) (Criswell)** and **Joel Mowen** live in Louisburg, Kan., with their son, **Kevin Edward Mowen**, who was born April 21, 2003. Lori works for INA USA Corporation

as a product engineer from a home office.

**Dan ('92 BUAT)** and **Sandra Huegel's** daughter, **Alecsandra Huegel**, was born Jan. 1. The couple also has two sons, **Andre** and **Benjamin**. The Huegels live in Oaxaca, Mexico, where they work with Mexican Presbyterian Missions.



**Ray ('92 ATBS)** and **Maria Rising** welcomed their third child, **Ann Marie Rising**, April 13. The Rising family lives in Columbus, Ind., where Ray is a pilot for Cummins Inc.

**Craig ('92 ACCT)** and **Alisa Robertson's** son, **Gavin Patrick Robertson**, was born Aug. 27. The Robertsons also have a four-year-old daughter, **Sydney**.



**Tim ('94 ATFL)** and **Lori Ruth** welcomed their first child, **Caleb John Ruth**, Aug. 23. The Ruth family lives in Schertz, Texas.

**Chris ('93 ATBS)** and **Amber Bena** announce the birth of **Avery Bena**, who was born March 6. They have two other children, **Kyle** and **Ashley**. The Benas live in

Colorado Springs, Colo., where **Chris** is a captain for Skywest Airlines.

**Edward ('95 PEBS)** and **Dawn Berumen** announce the birth of **Logan Elise Berumen**, who was born Aug. 27.



**Keith ('95 ATFL)** and **Erica (Coldwell) ('95 BYBA) Horst's** son, **Timothy David Horst**, was born April 29. The couple also has a daughter, **Stephanie**.

Keith is chief pilot for Jet Direct Aviation in southeastern Pennsylvania. Erica is taking time off from her job as a child and adolescent therapist at Philhaven Hospital to spend time with her children.

**Greg ('95 ATBS)** and **Susan Leiby** welcomed their first child, **Michael Rovert Leiby**, Aug. 26, 2003. Greg works as the East Coast technical specialist for Stewart Enterprises in Alexandria, Va.

**Mark E. ('96 ME)** and **Poppy (Erskin) Roberts** adopted daughter **Kate Elizabeth Roberts** June 2. Kate was born in China April 27, 2003. Mark received his master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington, Seattle in June. He is a lead engineer at Boeing.

**Phil ('97 ME)** and **Sophia McLeod** announce the birth of **Simeon Andrew McLeod** on Oct. 13, 2004. Simeon was welcomed home by his brother **Isaiah**.



**Adam ('98 ME)** and **Jessica ('98 EN) (Fraus) Culver** welcomed son **Addison**



**Thomas Culver** April 9 in Espoo, Finland. In June, the Culvers moved to Shanghai, China, to continue working for KONE Elevators and Escalators.

**Joel ('98 EE)** and **Antonia Solis** welcomed daughter **Ashley Isabel Solis** Aug. 26. Joel also completed an MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas. He works as a configuration manager for DNA Computing



# Class Notes Continued

Solutions in Richardson, Texas.



**Jeremy ('99 ATFL)** and **Rachael ('99) Blacketter** had their first baby, daughter America Blacketter, Aug. 25 in Peru where the Blacketters work as missionaries.

**Chris ('99 CSE)** and **Becky ('98 DT) Hubbs'** daughter, Laura Elizabeth Hubbs, was born July 27.



**Jayme ('99 ATFL)** and **Hannah (Pepoon) ('99 ISBS) King** announce the birth of Daniel James King, who was born June 24. Hannah is a stay-at-home mom and Jayme is a charter pilot with various charter companies around Montgomery, Ala.

**Kris ('99 ME/WE)** and **Deedra Scherm** had their first child, David Scherm, Sept. 20.



**Don ('00 MT/WT)** and **Kristi (Osborn) ('01 PSYS) Snyder's** first son, Colton Riley Snyder, was born Oct. 25, 2003. Don and Kristi live in Wichita, Kan., where Don is the quality manager/metallurgist for Metal Improvement Company. Kristi is a stay-at-home mother.

**Andrew (ME '01)** and **Dacia Olson's** daughter, Abigail Joy Olson, was born April 15. The Olsons live in Champlin, Minn., where Andrew works as an engineer for Medtronic.

**Kevin ('01 MGIM)** and **Kimberly Webber** announce the birth of Kevin Scott Webber, born Oct. 25 in Longview, Texas.



**Jack ('02 CSE)** and **Lauren ('04 PSYA) Fewx** welcomed daughter Mabel Vicki Fewx June 9. The Fewx family lives in Longview, Texas, where Jack works as an engineer.

**Jeff ('00 CHPY)** and **Cheri ('02 ISBS) (Andersen) Nine's** first child, Railey Anne Nine, was born June 1. The Nine family lives in Oregon.

**Darius ('02 ME)** and **Elisabeth Teichroew** announce the birth of Amara Joy Teichroew, who was born July 17. Darius works as a product support technician for Far North Windows & Doors in Champlin, Minn.

**Jeremy ('99 ME)** and **Neely ('04 ISE1) Bartell** announce the birth of Logan Scott Bartell, who was born in July.

## MARRIAGES

**Nathan Smith ('89 CSE)** married Robin Jueschke Sept. 25 at Maranatha Bible Chapel in Horseheads, N.Y. Robin is a software developer and Nathan is a computer specialist with JAARS, Inc. in Waxhaw, N.C.



**Peter ('91 EE)** and **Amy Nystrom** were married April 24. They live in League City, Texas, where Peter works for Lockheed Martin as an engineer.

**Dennis Bulgrien ('93 CSE)** married Debra Breshears May 15. The couple lives in Longview where Dennis works as a software engineer.

**Steve Walker ('93 MTAT)** married Brenda S. Graham June 1. Steve works as a contract mechanical engineer at the Boeing Military Modification Center.

**Paul Grenon ('94 ATFL)** married Susan Simicle Feb. 28. Paul is currently a captain on the SAAB340B with Colgan Air, a U.S. Air Express carrier.



**David ('95 ATFL)** and **Arel DeLoach** were married March 12. The couple lives in New Orleans, La., where David works as a pilot.

**Dan Snow ('95 ATFL)** married Jen Brown April 27. They live in Ukarumpa, Papua,

New Guinea, and are career members with Wycliffe. Dan is an aircraft maintenance technician and Jen is a primary school teacher.

**Ramona Thurman ('95 BSBM)** married Reginald Price June 7. They currently live in Rex, Ga.

**Jonathan Freeman ('00 ATBU)** married Jamie Heiman May 29. The Freemans live in Lincoln, Neb., where Jonathan works for Duncan Aviation.

**Jennifer Gardner ('00 ACCT)** and **Bill Dancer ('03 MT)** were married Aug. 9, 2003, in Speer Chapel on the campus of LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. The couple lives in Schertz, Texas, where Jennifer works as a cost accountant for Market Power Media and Bill works for Texas Shredder, Inc.

**Kassia Marvin ('00 ME)** married Jonathan St. Peter Dec. 28, 2003, in Grand Junction, Colo., where they now live. Kassia works at Western Engineers and Jonathan is a culinary arts instructor at Mesa State College.



**Michelle Croucher ('01 BBA)** married Timothy Kimberling Sept. 27, 2003. The Kimberlings live in Houston, Texas, where Dawn works as a loan coordinator for Royce Builders.



**Matt Hall ('02 ME)** and **Kendra Martin ('02 ED)** were married June 26 in Battlefield, Mo. Kendra teaches fourth grade at Bluebonnett Elementary in Flower Mound, Texas, and Matt works as a design engineer for Peterbilt Motors in Denton, Texas. The couple lives in Lewisville.

**Nathan Garrett ('03 CIS)** married **Corrie Dunlap ('04 HIPL)** June 26 in Fort Worth,